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Preservation Conference Panel Focuses On Libraries and the Year 2000

Panelists in the first afternoon session on "Information Management and Library Service in the Year 2000" gave the June 17 Library of Congress conference on "Preservation and New Technology" a lively description of future library use and made some startling predictions.

"Technology will make copyright laws obsolete," Charles Goldstein of the National Library of Medicine stated, because "it will be cheaper to obtain items on demand electronically from publishers than to photocopy . . . . Publishers will service current needs for demand publications as long as those needs are marketable. Scholarly journals may do even better than they now do on subscription costs alone." Peer review, the traditional function of journals as quality filters for information, will be even easier in the future because geography will not have to be taken into account. The role of libraries will be that of "archiving, reorganizing, and providing access to knowledge for scholarly derivations."

Warren Haas, Council on Library Resources, Inc., was troubled by the term "information management," saying that "the effort to manage information in a large general research library setting in a useful way, rather than merely reducing its bulk, seems likely to be defeated by the sheer quantity of information, the large number of users, and by the diversity and unpredictability of needs." He added that technology is making it possible to defer decisions as to what should be preserved when the best place to manage information is "at the front end—by screening what goes into the system." Aiding in the effort to reduce the size of collections, he said, will be the fact that there should be less need for the duplication in the future than exists today. Every library should not have to save every item as long as the information is preserved and can be shared.

The year 2000 did not seem far away to the panelists. Mr. Haas suspected that improvement in library performance will not differ from

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what has been experienced in the past 18 years. The years from 1964 to the present have seen substantial improvement, he said, and "we will be lucky if we can generate a similar level of improvement in the years ahead."

Saying that all should be grateful to the "Library of Congress, Bill Welsh, and the people with him for taking the initiative in addressing prospective problems in preservation," Mr. Haas added a cautionary note:

"Technology is a means, not an end. It must be used wisely. There will be dramatic changes. Librar-

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ies have acted in the public good and now they will be operating as part of a system, driven by factors other than public good, in an arena they don't typically play in. We must keep our eyes on our service target. . . . Libraries must sharpen their sense of purpose, knowing what they should do and should not do . . . . Attention should be given to professional education, as well." Finally, he made a statement echoed by the other panelists, when he emphasized that users of libraries must drive the evolution and development of libraries in the future.

Representing a publishing organization that is already preparing its material for online data bases, Peter Mollman of World Book said the project would be completed "in a month or two." With eight or nine staff members "trying to figure out where we are going with technological storage and transfer of information," Mr. Mollman said they had come to the conclusion that two new information technologies will play a vital role in the year 2000. One is cable television and the other the personal computer, and he suspected that "anything that does not relate to these two will not be related to the cultural world at that time." His company is also interested in the video disk and the optical disk.

Whatever the outcome, he wished to remind his audience that dollars will be vital and also that we are still to see what creative people—the poets, brilliant editors, and artists—can do with the new technology. Until now, only the games people play have shown such creativity.

Elizabeth F. Stroup, director for general reference, Research Services, Library of Congress, emphasized the importance of service that is user focused and user responsive, but said the heart of the problem is accessing specific information. The librarian in the future, she said, will be an ombudsman who will know the whole panoply of data resources and how to manipulate them to find information. "The form of the material is much less important—the vital thing is ready access, regardless of the husk it is delivered in."

She predicted that "four walls will not be the universe in which the librarian will serve the public in the future. The librarian will be using a telephone or the electronic equivalent not just to tap one library but all others and other sources, as well." To some extent the National Referral Center of the Library of Congress is already doing this by relaying questions to information centers across the country, but in the future there will be a speeding up of delivery of information, with access the important element. She quoted the late Jesse Shera of Case Western Reserve University who said, " the important thing that confronts the librarian of today is not one of accumulation but of access. The library of the future must be both the preserver and the destroyer."

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A question which came up many times during the day was that of funding storage and the use of information utilizing the new technology. Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh, who served as moderator for the panels, said "someone is going to have to pay for all this information and only the stuff that pays for itself is going to be marketable." He agreed with opinions expressed by participants that publishers may be the holders of some collections.

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STAFF NEWS

George Glos Named Assistant Chief Of European Law Division

George E. Glos has been named assistant chief of the European Law Division effective May 31. He has been serving as senior legal specialist in that division.

Dr. Glos graduated in law from the Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1948 and received a doctor of laws degree from the same institution later in the same year. He earned a bachelor of laws degree from the University of Melbourne in Australia in 1956, a master of laws degree from Yale University in 1959, and a doctor of the science of law degree from the latter institution in 1960. He practiced law in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and Melbourne, Australia, and was an associate in a New York City law firm. He joined the staff of the Library of Congress in January 1980 as a legal specialist and was promoted in February 1981 to the position of senior legal specialist.

His teaching career began at the University of Singapore where he was a lecturer-in-law from 1960 to 1963. From 1964 to 1980 he was a professor of law at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Tex. At present, he is an adjunct professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center. In addition to the publication of numerous articles in both American and foreign legal periodicals, Dr. Glos has written two books, *International Rivers* (1961) and *Comparative Law* (1979).

Dr. Glos is a member of the Society of Public Teachers of Law, the American Association of Law Libraries, the International Association of Law Libraries, and the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences. He is also listed in the *Directory of American Scholars* and *Who's Who of American Lawyers.*

CU Plans July 30, August 12 Meetings on Minimum Share Balances

The Library of Congress Federal Credit Union will hold two information meetings on its recent policy change regarding minimum share balances of $250 in members' share accounts. The first meeting will take place Friday, July 30, and the second on Thursday, August 12.

Arthur J. Lieb, treasurer of the Credit Union, will explain the reasons for the policy, answer members' questions, and present suggestions which will assist members in bringing their share balances up to the $250 minimum. Both meetings will be held in the Assembly Room (LM 649) in the Madison Building. The one-half hour meetings will begin at noon.

On July 1, the Credit Union distributed a letter to all members that described the new minimum share balance policy and the reasons for it. Copies of this letter are also available in the Credit Union Office in the Madison Building (LM 634).

Sherlock Searcher . . . "Because it isn't there"

Sherlock Searcher is downright compulsive about books that cannot be found. That is why he would gladly swim the highest mountain or climb the widest sea to bring smiles of joy to the sad faces of readers who cannot obtain the books they need because they are not on the shelf. Some of the missing books are listed below. If you know the whereabouts of any of them and would like to assist Sherlock in his mission of mercy to our readers, please send them to him in Collections Management Division, room LJ C101, or call him directly on extension 7–7427.

- Barnwell, Joseph Walker.
  Dr. Henry Woodward, The First English Settler in South Carolina, And Some of his Descendants.
  CS74.W911907

- Dollar, George W.
  A History of Fundamentalism In America.
  BT82.2.D64

- Foster, John W.
  Four Northwest Fundamentalists. BR550.F67

- Hafen, Brent Q.
  Marijuana: Facts, Figures, and Information for the 1980's. RM666.C266H33

- Hartley, Joseph.
  A Genealogy Written by Joseph Hartley in the 75th Year of His Age for the Benefit of His Children.
  CS71.H332 19–

- Kahn, Alfred.
  The Economics of Regulation: Principles and Institutions. Vol. 1. HD3616.U47K28

- Leek, Sybil.
  Cast Your Own Spell. BF1611.L43

- Noble, David F.
  America by Design: Science, Technology, and the Rise of Corporate Capitalism. T14.5.N6 1977

- Pascal, Roy.
  Design and Truth in Autobiography.
  CT25.P37
  CT25.P37 1960a

  Self Concept Sourcebook: Ideas and Activities for Building Self-esteem. BF697.S43

The **American Red Cross Bloodmobile** will visit the Library on Wednesday, August 18, and Thursday, August 19, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. each day. The unit will be located on the sixth floor of the Madison Building in the Assembly Room (LM 649). Staff wishing to donate blood should register with keyworkers in their respective divisions. Donors are requested to use the regular shuttle bus service.

Staff Activities

Donald G. Shomette, visual information specialist in the Printing and Processing Section, Central Services Division, recently completed serving as field chief in the University of Baltimore's first summer field school in underwater archaeology, the first college accredited program of its kind in the State of Maryland. During the course of the program, Mr. Shomette supervised the underwater survey, excavation, and recovery of a (ca. 1860) five-log centerboard canoe in Schoolhouse Creek, Md.; the survey of a late 19th century, unidentified schooner in St. Leonard's Creek, Md.; and the survey of the remains of a Chesapeake Bay pungy, the *Henrietta Bach,* built in 1883. The project was cosponsored by the Calvert Marine Museum of Solomons, Md., which recently appointed Mr. Shomette to the post of research associate for maritime history.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Daphne Baden, microphotographer (trainee), GT–3, Photodup, M112K; Russell Buffaloe, computer operator, GS–5, Com Serv, 20239; Kathleen Burns, secretary (typing), GS–6, CS, 20226; Mary Corkery, deck attendant (trainee), GS–3, Ser, G105B; Shelly Davis, reports clerk, GT–3, Photodup, 20328; Kathleen Hinkle, secretary to the assistant chief, GS–6, Ser, 20262; Edward Hudgins III, deck attendant (trainee), GS–3, Ser, G104D; Mark Roth, preliminary cataloger, GS–5, Desc Cat, 20144.

Temporary Appointments: Kristal Abbott, file clerk, GS–2, OGC, NP; Mary Bloom, library aid, GS–1, FRD, NP; Paul Cerino, deck attendant, GS–3, Col Mgmt, G113O; Veronica England, contract and procurement specialist, GS–7, P&S, NP; Mark Green, processing and reference assistant, GS–5, Afr/ME, NP; Vincent Hawkins, library aid, GS–1, Sci, NP; Tameka Horne, library aid, GS–1, GRR, NP; Tracie King, library aid, GS–1, GRR, NP; Andre Little, clerk-typist, GS–1, Cop Exam, NP; Patrick Murphy, reference clerk, GS–3, CRS EPW, NP; Sonji Reynolds, clerk-typist, GS–1, Cop Exam, NP; Rita Sun, processing assistant, GS–5, Ord, NP; Amelia Tate, library aid, GS–1, FRD, NP; Johnette Williams, library aid, GS–1, GRR, NP.

Reappointments: Robert Fritz, assistant division secretary, GS–6, CRS EPW, 20221.

Temporary Reappointments: Geoffrey Johnson, serials distribution clerk, GS–3, CRS L, NP.

Promotions: John Ashley, Col Mgmt, to junior copyright information specialist, GS–7, Cop Inf &

Credit Union Holds Grand Opening

Staff members and Credit Union officials look on as Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh cuts the ribbon to mark the official grand opening of the Credit Union's new quarters in the Madison Building. Credit Union officials present included (left to right) board member Jack McDonald, president Peter Watters, treasurer Arthur Lieb, and board members Grace Hall, Joan Van Blake, and Banks Johnson.

Staff members joined Library and Credit Union officials at a grand opening on Thursday, June 24, in the facility's new quarters in the Madison Building (LM 634.) The Deputy Librarian presided at a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and staff members were treated to special behind-the-scenes tours, a display of informational materials, and refreshments. Packets of information were also handed out to all visitors.

The lobby walls of the new Credit Union are decorated with oversized reproductions of items from the Library's collections that are appropriate to a financial institution. Credit Union treasurer Arthur Lieb researched the materials and arranged for them to be copied. They include three 19th-century sheet music covers from the Music Division—"How are you green-backs," "Legal Tender Polka" (pictured opposite), and "Secretary Chase's Grand March" (Chase was Lincoln's Secretary of the Treasury). A Currier and Ives morality print from the Prints and Photographs Division depicts a person who pays cash as "Happiness" and another who pays on credit as "Misery." From the periodical collections, a 19th-century engraving from *Harper's* is entitled "Dividend-day—interior of the Bowery Savings Bank." A measured drawing of the Ionic-columned First National Savings Bank, Huntsville, Ala., is from the Historic American Buildings Survey, also in P&P.

Ref, 20152; Tarria Burwell, P&S, to peripheral equipment operator, GS–5, Ord, 20217; Rosa Clark, to clerk/reference assistant, GS–5, CRS ARS, 20158; Janie Coates, CRS MAS, to assistant division secretary, GS–6, CRS F, 20161; William Gigax, to head, Subject Specialization Section, GS–14, CRS L, 20160; John Hass, NRC, to educational liaison officer, GS–13, ELO, 20155; Craig Hobson, MARC Ed, to

cataloger (advanced trainee), GS–7, Cop Cat, 20170; Elizabeth Johnson, to head, Processing and Reference Section, GS–13, Ser Rec, 20163; Stephen Krankowski, to motor vehicle operator, WG–7, P&S, 20307; Delinda Mauldin, Bldgs, to clerk-typist, GS–4, Health, 20269; Joseph Molnar, to assistant head, American and British Exchange Section, GS–11, E&G, 20197; Larisa Pastuchiv, Loan, to junior copyright information specialist, GS–7, Cop Inf & Ref, 20152; Vanessa Scott, to computer room supervisor, GS–9, ASO, 20233; Thomas Smith, Jr., Photodup, to arranger-filer, GS–3, CMP, P121B; Gloria Stovall, to payroll audit specialist, GS–7, FMO, 20270; Mayumi Taniguchi, MARC Ed, to head, Preparatory Cataloging Section, GS–13, Share Cat, 20297; Charles Wright, to automation planning analyst, GS–11, Proc, APLO, 20232;

Temporary Promotion: Aline Martinez, LL O, to searching assistant, GT–5, Photodup, 20272.

Transfers: Lee Avdoyan, Cop Exam, to reference librarian, GS–9, GRR, 20202; Alice Crowder, E&G, to clerical assistant (trainee), GS–4, Loan, 20223; Annette Hale, Cop Acq & Proc, to reference librarian, GS–9, GRR, 20202; Wanda Thompson, CRS L, to clerical assistant (trainee), GS–4, Loan, 20223; Suzanne Thorin, NLS/BPH, to head, Research Facilities Section, GS–13, GRR, 20210; Velma Wigglesworth, CDS, to clerk-typist, GS–4, Proc, 20292.

Resignations: Denise Abrams, Col Mgmt; Larry Boyer, LL AB; Renee Coe, CRS EPW, Marcy Kramer, FRD; Lorelle Laub, CRS RAM; Patty Love, Pers; John Perse, CRS F; Alexis Pogorelskin, CRS F; Lawrence Potter, CRS F; Gregory Robinson, CMP; John Williams, FRD.

Participating in the afternoon panel on "Information Management and Library Service in the Year 2000" were (left to right) Warren Haas, Elizabeth Stroup, Charles Goldstein, and Peter Mollman (at the lectern).

"What we want to do in our role here at the Library is to establish standards so the products that are produced both in the private and public sector meet demands and to establish some criteria for preservation."

The libraries of the future, participants concurred, would serve as switching centers for the use of information stored in a variety of places and in a variety of ways. Although major changes are expected, libraries will still exist and perform an even more vital role in communities because they will hold the key to where information can be located and how it can be retrieved.

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New Publication

Toward a Federal Library and Information Services Network: A Proposal. Washington, D.C., 1982. (x, 130 p.) A report of the Intergovernmental Library Cooperation Project, a joint undertaking of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and the Library of Congress, prepared by Alphonse F. Trezza, director of the project. For sale for $6 in person only at the Information Counter, Jefferson Building, or by mail from the Superintendent of Documents (Stock No. 030–000–00138–9).

Ongoing Publications

Accessions List: South Asia Microforms. ISSN 0271–6445. Vol. 1, No. 12, pt. 3. December 1981. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

LC Classification—Additions and Changes. ISSN 0041–7912. List 205. January–March 1982. (140 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540, for $45 for the 1982 subscription year, consisting of four quarterly issues, or $11.25 a single issue.

Library Staff Members Prepare "Read More About It" Lists

The Library of Congress/CBS Television "Read More About It" project concluded its third season on June 6, with a special program on the Tony Awards ceremony in which the year's outstanding performances in and contributions to the American theater were recognized. At the end of the regular program, composer Marvin Hamlisch mentioned three books on the air, selected from a longer reading list prepared by Walter Zvonchenko of the Library's Performing Arts Library, and reminded viewers that their local libraries and bookstores have many books related to the program's theme.

The "Read More About It" project is coordinated by the Center for the Book, but the reading lists are prepared by specialists in the General Reading Rooms Division (GRR) of the Library, with contributions from staff in other Library divisions as needed. In most cases, these lists are published before the telecast in library and book trade publications. To date, there have been 37 "Read More About It" lists. The Library of Congress staff members whose

Library of Congress staff members joined actor Tim Curry, who appeared in CBS Television's "Oliver Twist," before the filming of the "Read More About It" announcement for that program. Pictured with Mr. Curry (seated) are (left to right) Josephus Nelson of GRR, who prepared the reading list for "Oliver Twist"; Judith O'Sullivan, executive director of the Center for the Book; and Linda H. Cox, also of the center.

names appear below have lent considerable time and talent to the compilation of reading lists for "Read More About It."

The Library and CBS Television will continue their collaboration on "Read More About It" during the 1982–83 season. "The Blue and the Gray," a major CBS series based on Bruce Catton's works about the Civil War, will be among the fall offerings. Marguerite Bloxom of GRR has already prepared the "Read More About It" reading list.

Judith Austin, GRR	"The Henderson Monster"
	"The Wall"
Cynthia Barkley, Performing Arts Library	"American Film Institute Salute to Fred Astaire"
Donald Baskerville, GRR	"All Quiet on the Western Front"
	"The Ordeal of Dr. Mudd"
	"A Tale of Two Cities"
	"Dancer: Edward Villella"
	"A Walk Across America"
	"Baryshnikov in Hollywood"
	"Ivanhoe"
Marguerite Bloxom, GRR	"The Testing of Jesse Hallam"
	"Little Lord Fauntleroy"
	"Letters from Frank"
Edward Cambio, GRR	"The Gift"
	"Gideon's Trumpet"
	"The Bunker"
	"The David Copperfield Show"
	"Coming Out of the Ice"
Mary Jane Gibson, GRR	"Gauguin: The Savage"
	"The Fantastic Funnies"
	"Murder Is Easy"
	"Bill"
Richard Greenfield, GRR	"Skokie: Defend to the Death"
Mary Kramer, GRR	"Presidential Elections"
Marvin Kranz, GRR	"Mayflower: The Pilgrims' Adventure"
	"Eleanor: First Lady to the World"
Josephus Nelson, GRR	"Oliver Twist"
Robert Palian, Music Division	"Country Music Association Awards"
Rosemary Plakas, GRR	"The Wall"
Frances Reynolds, GRR	"Welcome to Success: The Marva Collins Story"
Vivian Sammons, Science and Technology Division	"Private Battle"
Baiba Seefer, GRR	"The Boy Who Drank Too Much"
	"American Film Institute Salute to James Stewart"
Richard Sharp, GRR	"American Film Institute Salute to Frank Capra"
Connie Pyle, consultant to the Center for the Book	"Walt Disney"
	"Charlie Brown's Celebration"

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